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FOR ARA MESSRS. LUERS AND BURKE FROM AMBASSADOR

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SUBJECT: FY1976-77 CASP FOR GUYANA

REF: GEORGETOWN 0530; GEORGETOWN 0531

1. I HAVE GREAT RESPECT FOR AID DIRECTOR AND BELIEVE IG IS ENTITLED TO HAVE HIS CURRENT VIEWS ON THE SOLE ISSUE IN OUR FY1976-77 CASP, ABOUT WHICH PRE/IG SOUGHT CLARIFICATION AND SUGGESTED MODIFICATION. REPLIES TO FACTUAL INQUIRIES AND JUDGMENT OF REST OF CT ON ISSUES RAISED BY PRE/IG STAND BY THEMSELVES IN GEOV3592, 0530. I WISH TO MAKE ONLY TWO GENERAL OBSERVATIONS.

2. I HAVE CEASED TO HAVE ABSOLUTE FAITH THAT U.S. HAS ONLY VALID ANSWERS TO LDC ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PROBLEMS. IF GUYANA WERE SHOWING ACTIVE INTEREST IN DISCUSSING WHERE AND HOW U.S. MIGHT BE HELPFUL TO GUYANA'S DEVELOPMENT PLANS, I WOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO BELIEVE WE SHOULD KEEP DOOR OPEN FOR BILATERAL ASSISTANCE. HOWEVER, SINCE I PASSED WORD IN EARLY JANUARY THROUGH RAMPHAL THAT REYNOLDS SETTLEMENT HAD REMOVED POTENTIAL OBSTACLE TO FURTHER U.S. ASSISTANCE, NO ONE IN GOG HAS GIVEN ANY SIGNS OF INTEREST BEYOND THE LOANS ALREADY AUTHORIZED AND THE TWO LOAN

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MY ARRIVAL A YEAR AGO. ON THE OTHER HAND, GOG HAS ACTIVELY PURSUED DEVELOPMENTAL ASSISTANCE PROJECTS WITH PRC, GDR, VENEZUELA AND EVEN TRADE-OFF OF DEVELOPMENT PROJECs WITH CUBA. THUS, IF AFTER TEN YEARS OF EXPOSURE TO U.S. DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE TECHNIQUES AND CAPABILITIES, GOG IS LOOKING EVERYWHERE BUT TO US FOR HELP, I DO NOT FEEL WE SHOULD QUOTE KEEP OUR ENGINES RUNNING UNQUOTE SO TO SPEAK, JUST ON THE CHANCE GUYANA MIGHT DECIDE TO ASK FOR A RIDE.

3. A MORE FITTING POSTURE FOR USG, IT SEEMS TO ME, IS TO TAKE THE DECISION NOW TO TERMINATE BILATRAL AID AFTER LRY-1976, AND USE THE INTERVAL OF 12-18 MONTHS FOR ACTIVE PROGRAM BOTH TO ENSURE THAT IDB AND OTHER MULTILATERAL SOURCES ARE MOVING IMMEDIATELY TO PREPARE TO FILL GAP AND TO ENCOURAGE GOG TO SET ITS SIGHTS ON MULTI-

LATERAL AND THIRD-NATION SOURCES FOR ITS DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE NEEDS.

4. AS WE POINTED OUT IN CT'S REPLY (0530), WE ARE NOT RECOMMENDING AN IRREVERSIBLE STEP. IF GOG COMES TO US BETWEEN NOW AND END FY 1976 WITH A REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE WHICH ON CLOSE O ANALYSIS MERITS HIGH PRIORITY, AND AT SAME TIME INVOLVES EXPERTISE WHICH IS UNIQUELY AVAILABLE FROM OUR STOCKPILE, I WOULD SUPPORT OUR LOOKING AT FEASIBILITY OF HANDLING PROJECT WITHIN CONTEXT OF OUR OVERALL BILATERAL RELATIONS AT THAT TIME.
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